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Slaughter in Texas

Gunman opens fire in Baptist church, killing 26, wounding about 20

Carrie Matula embraces a woman Sunday after a fatal shooting at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Matula said she heard the shooting from the gas station where she works, a block from the church.

NICK WAGNER | AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

From wire reports

SUTHERLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS

A man dressed in black tactical-style gear and armed with an assault rifle opened fire inside a church in a small South Texas community on Sunday, killing 26 people and wounding about 20 others in what the governor called the deadliest mass shooting in the state's history.

Neighbors of First Baptist Church said they heard loud bangs and even had bullets spray into their homes as the gunman released a barrage of gunfire that started outside the church and moved into it before noon.

Officials said that the gunman – who they said was a young white male in his 20s – began firing a Ruger assault rifle outside of the church and then entered the building as he continued to fire. Authorities said that as the shooter exited the church he was confronted by a local who, armed with his own weapon, began firing at the gunman – prompting the shooter to flee in his vehicle.

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Volunteers flood in to catch the king tide

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Runners pass through Carroll Place in Norfolk on Sunday morning, finding a narrow strip of unflooded street as water from the Lafayette River rises with the king tide, which peaked about an hour later.

By Dave Mayfield | *The Virginian-Pilot*

HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS waded through floodwaters Sunday morning across Hampton Roads in a science quest: to capture a high tide at its peak.

It was the culmination of Catch the King, the world's largest crowdsourcing event focused on measuring the tides. From Pungo in Virginia Beach to the Chickahominy River near Williamsburg, so many people were tracing the tidewater that they briefly crashed the project's smartphone app.

Catch the King was created by The Virginian-Pilot in conjunction with the Daily Press, WHRO Public Media and WVEC-TV. The nonprofit group Wetlands Watch was the project's lead non-media partner.

People in a dozen Hampton Roads cities and counties measured how far Sunday morning's tide crept into neighborhoods and parks.

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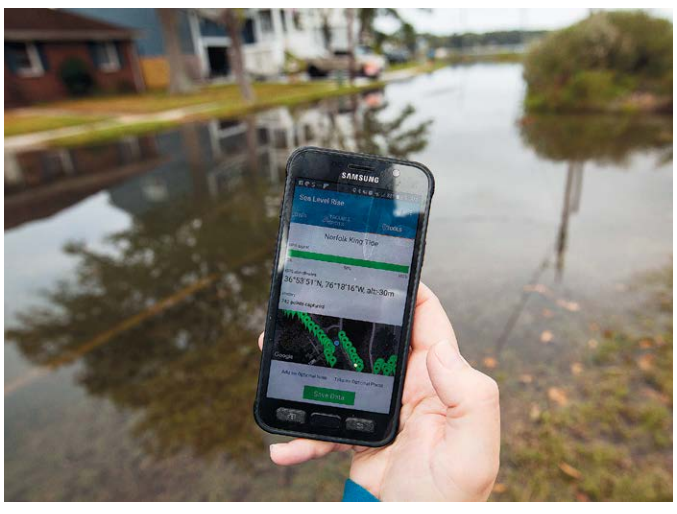

Christina Laughlin of Norfolk gathers data points with her phone app along Surrey Crescent in Norfolk on Sunday morning during the king tide – the year's highest astronomical tide.

want to know more?

Check later in the week as The Virginian-Pilot talks with scientists and others about what all the data collected during Catch the King tell us about tidal flooding.

Join the Facebook group and see volunteers' photos and comments by searching for "Help Catch the King Tide!"

See a map of Catch the King participation at bit.ly/2zcS7Ba.

For previous stories and other background on Catch the King, go to www.pilotonline.com/kingtide.

NAVY CORRUPTION PROBE

"Fat Leonard" scandal expands, ensnaring more than 60 admirals

Leonard Glenn Francis, aka Fat Leonard, a Malaysian defense contractor who supplied U.S. Navy vessels in Asia for a quarter century, pleaded guilty in January in U.S. federal court to bribing "scores" of Navy officials.

By Craig Whitlock
The Washington Post

The "Fat Leonard" corruption investigation has expanded to include more than 60 admirals and hundreds of other U.S. Navy officers under scrutiny for their contacts with a defense contractor in Asia who systematically bribed sailors with sex, liquor and other temptations, according to the Navy.

Most of the admirals are suspected of attending extravagant feasts at Asia's best restaurants paid for by Leonard Glenn Francis, a Singapore-based maritime tycoon who made an illicit fortune supplying Navy vessels in ports from Vladivostok, Russia, to Brisbane, Australia.

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DANGEROUS TERRITORY

To completely rid North Korea of nukes, the Pentagon says, the U.S. would have to invade – a "bleak" prospect. **PAGE 4**

Hours before they died, four U.S. soldiers killed in Niger were fighting militants during a complex mission in Mali. **PAGE 6**

A Chesapeake group wants voters to consider limiting how long their elected officials can serve. *Page 3*

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